

Coptic Lesson 3: Five New Coptic Letters

In lesson one, we learned the letters that look and sound like English letters:

Α Β Ε Ζ Ι Κ Λ Ν Ο Σ Τ Ω

We also learned three letters that look like English letters but are pronounced differently: **Η Ρ Χ**

In lesson two, we learned Seven New Coptic Letters: **Ϛ Δ λ π ϑ ρ ψ**

Now let us learn a few more Coptic Letters. Below is the shape of the letter (in Caps and small), its name, and its pronunciation

Note: not all pronunciation rules will be included, just the basic ones, to avoid confusion.

Letter	Shape	Pronunciation	Example
Theta	Θθ	TH (as in Think) T (as in Tree)	θαΙ (Thai = this) αϚπαζεϚθϛ (As-pa-zes-te = Greet)
<p style="text-align: center;">Theta is normally pronounced TH as in θαΙ (Thai = this) It is pronounced T as in αϚπαζεϚθϛ (As-pa-zes-te = Greet) if it follows one of the following: Ϛ.Τ.Ω.Ϛ</p>			
Fee	Φφ	PH (as in Phone)	φϛρι (phe-ri = new)
Epsi	Ψψ	PS (as in Psalmody)	ψαλωοϚ (psal-mos = psalm)
Fai	Ϝϝ	F (as in Fish)	ϛωι (foi= hair)
Tee	ϚϚ	Ti or tee (as in teepee)	ϚωϚ (sotee= save)

Now let's read some words using these letters, along with the ones we have already learned:

Word	Pronunciation	Word Meaning
ΑΘΑΝΑϚΙΟϚ	Atha-nas-ios	Athansius

Γολγοθα	<i>Ghol-gho-tha</i>	Golgotha
Σεραφίμ	<i>Se-ra-pheem</i>	Seraphim
Φαλαφελ	<i>Fa-la-fel</i>	Falafel
Φίλιππος	<i>Phi-lip-pos</i>	Philip
Ψαλλμοδια	<i>Psal-mo-dia</i>	Psalmody
Ψαλι	<i>Psa-li</i>	Psali
Ψαλλμος	<i>Psal-mos</i>	Psalm
Λεβτ	<i>Le-vt</i>	Beets
Ψωτ	<i>Fo-tee</i>	Towel
Λακάνη	<i>La-ka-nee</i>	Unction (Lakan)
Τιβλα	<i>Ti-vla</i>	Drum
Τιπιστολη	<i>Ti-epes-tolee</i>	Epistle

Try to read these words on your own:

Φιωτ	Father
Πωηρι	Son
Τριαις	The Trinity
χερε	Hail
Τεκκλησια	The Church
Πηι	The House
ντε	of
νιασττελος	The Angels
Τιπαρθενος	The Virgin
ετασμεε	Who gave birth